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Re: Application of: **Karsten GERVING et al.**  
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No. PCT/EP2004/052175, filed 15 September 2004  
For: **ARRANGEMENT USED TO FIX CONDUCTOR RAILS  
FOR MULTI-PHASE SWITCHGEARS**  
Customer No.: 23280

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

Some of the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form were cited in the International Search Report in the above-referenced International Application. A copy of that International Search Report is submitted herewith. Some of the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form were cited in the German Examination Report of the priority

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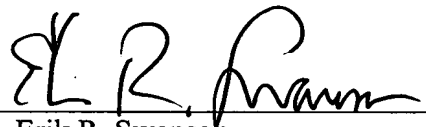
application Serial No. DE 103 48 092.7 for the above-referenced application. A copy of that German Examination Report together with a brief translation thereof is submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b), before the mailing date of a First Office Action, therefore no fee is believed due. In the event any additional fee is due in connection with this response or if any fee has been overpaid, the deficiency or overpayment should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	4,481,555	Nov. 6, 1984	Yoshida et al.	361	155	
	A02	6,828,885	Dec. 7, 2004	Dedenbach et al.	335	16	
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	A04						

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	A05	EP 0 604 985	Jul. 6, 1994	EP-Europe			See Intl. Search Report for PCT/EP2004/052175; see abstract	
	A06	EP 0 645 792	Mar 29, 1995	EP-Europe			Discussed in specification; see abstract	
	A07	EP 0 948 009	Oct. 6, 1999	EP-Europe			See Intl. Search Report for PCT/EP2004/052175; see abstract	
	A08	DE 32 32 173	Mar. 31, 1983	DE-Germany			Corresponds to US 4,481,555	
	A09	DE 296 04 726	May 23, 1996	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification	
	A10	DE 100 36 350	Feb. 14, 2002	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification; see abstract	
	A11	DE 100 61 394	Jun. 13, 2002	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification; see abstract	
	A12	DE 198 14 410	Oct. 21, 1999	DE-Germany			Discussed in specification; see abstract	
	A13	DE 199 04 355	Aug. 24, 2000	DE-Germany			Corresponds to US 6,828,885	
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**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

A18	O. RICHTER et al.: "Bauelemente der Feinmechanik" [Structural Elements of Fine Mechanics], Verlag Technik Berlin, 5th edition, 1952, pp. 135-139 (5 pages); [See German Examination Report for DE 103 48 092.7]
A19	International Search Report for PCT/EP2004/052175 (2 pages)
A20	German Examination Report for DE 103 48 092.7 (2 pages) with brief translation thereof (1 page)

**EXAMINER**

**DATE CONSIDERED**

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